



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY

BAY STATE GAS COMPANY
D.T.E. 05-27

SEVENTEENTH SET OF INFORMATION REQUESTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY TO THE COMPANY

Pursuant to 220 C.M.R. § 1.06(6)(c), the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") submits to Bay State Gas Company ("Bay State" or "Company") the following set of Information Requests for response within SIX CALENDAR days of issuance:

- DTE 17-1 Refer to Exh. BSG/JAF-1, at 36. Please explain the purpose for making a distinction between direct and indirect GAF costs.
- DTE 17-2 Refer to Sch. BSG/JAF 1-1, sheet 1. For each item on lines 8-17, please provide a description of each item and explain the basis for the proposed adjustment or lack of adjustment to the revenues associated with each item.
- DTE 17-3 Refer to Sch. BSG/JAF 1-1, sheet 2. Please explain the basis for eliminating the DAF and indirect GAF revenues on line 21.
- DTE 17-4 Refer to Sch. BSG/JAF 1-1, at 2. Please provide a spreadsheet, in Excel format on a CD-ROM, that demonstrates how the direct GAF, indirect GAF, and DAF rates that appear in this schedule are derived.
- DTE 17-5 Refer to Sch. BSG/JAF 1-2. Please (a) explain why the GAF and winter DAF rates vary among the 4 subsections of residential non-heating customers, and (b) provide similar explanations with respect to the residential heating classes and the G-42, G-43, G-52, and G-53 classes.
- DTE 17-6 Please explain the discrepancy between the total number of customer bills indicated on Sch. BSG/JAF 1-2, sheet 10, line 11, and the total number of customer bills indicated on Sch. BSG/JAF 1-3, sheet 4, line 12.
- DTE 17-7 Please provide Schs. BSG/JAF 1-1 and BSG/JAF 1-2 in Excel format on a CD-OM.

- DTE 17-8 Refer to Sch. BSG/JAF 1-1. Please indicate where the test-year revenues from Account Reactivation Fees and Warrant Fees are included in total revenues.
- DTE 17-9 Refer to Exh. BSG/JAF-3, at 464 (Schedule of Administrative Fees and Charges). Please explain whether the Company's proposal with regard to the Meter Test Fee is not only to increase the fee, but also to expand applicability of the fee from non-residential customers to all customers. If so, please explain the basis for the Company's proposal to expand applicability in this regard.
- DTE 17-10 Refer to Exh. BSG/JAF-1, at 13, where Mr. Ferro testifies: "In the case that the adjustment was for a month prior to the test year, the adjustment was eliminated from the test year." Please indicate whether the Company also investigated billing adjustments made in 2005 and adjusted test year revenues for any post-test-year adjustments.
- DTE 17-11 Please provide a monthly listing of all Department-ordered billing adjustments from January 2004 through May 2005.

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